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MODE DRIVER

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Amendment Transmittal A.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

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2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims		Highest	-					
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present			1	Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	23	-	20	=	3	Х	18	=	54
Independent Claims	6	-	3	=	3	X	84	=	252
	TOTAL		-						\$306 -

B. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 143837 in the amount of \$306.00 to cover the amendment claim fee.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 7-8, 11, 13, and 19, and add new Claims 20-23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer executable

components, comprising:

a device driver configured to provide information and perform actions associated with a hardware device: and

a driver/library containing software routines to make the information and actions provided by the device driver accessible to a system and application independent ("SAI") compliant management system, the library being accessible by the device driver to handle messages issued to the device driver from the SAI management system.

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